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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OCTOBER 7, 2008 OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in reply to the October 7, 2008 Non-Final Office Action (as amended in the November 4, 2008 Interview Summary) in the above-identified application. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Petition for a one-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for replying to the Office Action and have authorized payment of the required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1). With the extension, the time for replying is extended up to and including February 9, 2009 (because February 7, 2009 is a Saturday). Thus, this response is timely filed.

Please amend the application as follows:

Application No. 10/602,853 Response dated February 9, 2009 Response to October 7, 2008 Office Action Atty. Dkt. No. 105576-0065-101

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which

begins on page 3 of this paper.

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